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Groups of countries in special situations

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2018, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-third session the item entitled:

"Groups of countries in special situations:

"(a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

"(b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries."

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 19th meeting, on 22 October 2018. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary record.[1] Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, on 8, 9 and 10 October.[2] An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item is provided in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Letter dated 4 October 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the forty-second annual meeting of the Ministers for Foreign

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbols A/73/541, A/73/541/Add.1 and A/73/541/Add.2.

[1] A/C.2/73/SR.19.

[2] See A/C.2/73/SR.2, A/C.2/73/SR.3, A/C.2/73/SR.4, A/C.2/73/SR.5 and A/C.2/73/SR.6.

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Affairs of the States members of the Group of 77, held in New York on 27 September 2018 (A/73/417)

Item 23 (a)
Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020 (A/73/80-E/2018/58)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation, effectiveness and added value of smooth transition measures and graduation support (A/73/291)

Letter dated 22 October 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Malawi to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the annual ministerial meeting of the least developed countries, held in New York on 26 September 2018 (A/73/455)

Item 23 (b)
Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024 (A/73/297)

4. At the 19th meeting, on 22 October, the Director of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made an introductory statement and subsequently responded to comments made and questions posed by the Chair of the Committee and the representative of Malawi, in his capacity as Chair of the Least Developed Countries.

5. At the 23rd meeting, on 8 November, the representative of the United States of America made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions before the Committee.[3]

6. At the 27th meeting, on 3 December, the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions adopted by the Committee.[4]

[3] See A/C.2/73/SR.23.
[4] See A/C.2/73/SR.27.